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No man ever watted clay and then
left it as if there would be bricks
by chance and fortune.
—Plutarch.

Railroads and Civilization.

In an address made by the late Major
E. T. D. Myers before the students of
Randolph-Macon College a few months
before his death, these very interesting
facts on the growth of railroads were
collected:
1. The population of the United States
has increased since 1850 not quite 67 per
cent.
2. The ton miles of freight carried by
the steam railways has increased 210 per
cent.
3. The passenger transportation has
increased 243 per cent.
4. During the same period the price
paid by the public per ton mile has de-
creased from two cents to three-fourths
of a cent, or 375 per cent.
"Upon our railroad," the Richmond,
Fredericksburg and Potomac," said Major
Myers, "when I came into its manage-
ment in 1870, there was a local freight
service measured by the movement of
806,000 mile tons per annum, with a
revenue therefrom of \$46,400, an average
rate per ton mile of over five cents. The
corresponding figures for 1904 were \$9-
\$51,000 mile tons, at an average rate of
less than one cent per mile. The volume
had increased near a hundred-fold, and
the revenue less than twenty-fold. The
passenger business had increased five-
fold; the average rate of charge per mile
had decreased from 5-10 cents to 2-10
cents."
We of to-day are so accustomed to
these comforts and conveniences that
we are only too likely to forget how hard
the conditions were before the railroads
came into being. Thirty-five years ago
Justice Paine, of the Wisconsin Supreme
Court, was still near enough to the days
of the stage coach to understand the
true measure of service rendered by rail-
roads, and in summing up his opinion of
their value to civilization, the learned
Justice said:
"They have done more to develop the
wealth and resources, to stimulate the
industry, reward the labor and promote
the general comfort and prosperity of
the country than any other, perhaps than
all other, more physical causes combined.
"There is probably not a man, woman
or child whose interest and comfort has
not been in some degree subserved by
them. They bring to our doors the pro-
ductions of the earth. They enable us to
anticipate and protract the seasons.
They enable the inhabitants of each clime
to enjoy the pleasures and luxuries of
the other. They scatter the productions of the press
and of literature broadcast through the
country with amazing rapidity. There
is scarcely a want, which or aspiration of
the human heart which they do not in
some measure help to gratify. They
promote the pleasures of social life and
of friendship; they bring the skilled phy-
sicians swiftly from distances to attend
the sick and wounded, and enable the
absent friend to be present at the bed-
side of the dying.
"They have more than realized the
fabulous conception of the Eastern
imagination, which pictured the genie
as transporting inhabited palaces through
the air. They take a train of inhabited
palaces from the Atlantic coast, and with
marvelous swiftness deposit it on the
shores that are washed by the Pacific
sea. In war they transport the armies
and supplies of the government with the
greatest celerity, and carry forward, as
it were on the wings of the wind, relief
and comfort to those who are stretched
bleeding and wounded on the field of
battle."

Machine vs. Art.

A party of Virginia and North Caro-
lina editors were recently escorted
through a large watch factory at the
North and initiated into the mysteries of
making watches by machinery. The con-
ductor was at pains to impress upon the
editors that a better watch could be made
by machinery than by hand. That may be.
It is certainly true that the cost of
making watches has been greatly reduced
by the use of modern machines. It is
also true that the cost of making watches
has been greatly reduced by labor-saving
machinery, and so has the cost of setting
type. One man with a typesetting ma-
chine can now set in a given time as
much type as five expert printers could
set by hand. It is a machine age. During
the last week one of the illustrated
papers showed a machine which made
bread without the touch of a human
hand to the flour from the time it left
the barrel until it was taken from the
oven. We do our writing with machines;
we make our pictures by machinery; we

Opportunity and the Individual.

Thirty years ago it was said that in two
decades France would be all socialist or
once more under the control of an em-
peror. Since that luminous prophecy was
made France has withstood, not only the
abortive attempt of Boulanger and in-
numerable plots by all sorts of royalists,
both Bonapartists and Bourbons, but has
weathered the far more serious shock
that arose from the Dreyfus trial. To-
day France is further removed from so-
cialism than it ever was. The backbone
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**MRS. EGGBORN
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Fires on Them.
ALONE WITH HER CHILDREN

**Bandits Out of Revenge Retire
to the Barn and Set
It on Fire.**
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CULPEPER, VA., August 14.—A bold
attempt at robbery of the dwelling of
W. H. Eggborn, of Eggbornville, this
county, and the subsequent burning by
incendiaries of his large barn, took place
at 2 o'clock this morning.
When the attempt to effect an entrance
into the dwelling was made, Mrs. Eg-
gborn fired two shots at the intruders, who
hastily left a ravine.
A short time after the barn, only a
short distance from the dwelling, was dis-
covered to be on fire.
The miscreants, who tried just before
that, to enter the house and failed, set
the barn afire through a spirit of re-
venge.

Mr. Eggborn was away from home at
the time. In attendance upon a meeting
of the State Board of Agriculture, of
which he is a member, and Mrs. Eg-
gborn was alone in the house with two
little children.
She saw and heard two men talking
about what they wanted to do. They got
in the house, when they were trying to
break the door down, but she could not
distinguish who they were, or their color.
Falling in their purpose, they then went,
after being shot at by Mrs. Eggborn, and
fired the barn, which, with all its con-
tents, was entirely consumed.
This is the very boldest and most daring
outrage that has occurred in this sec-
tion for a long time. There is at present
no sufficient clue to the daring bandits.

SOIL SURVEY.

**Hanover Already Surveyed and
Chesterfield Next.**
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHESAPE, VA., August 14.—Congress-
man John Lamb, who has been trying
for some time to have the soil survey of
Chesterfield and other counties of his
district made, has received the following
letter from Mr. Milton Whitney, the chief
of the Bureau of Soils, in which he
states his plan to assign a party to the
survey of Chesterfield county as soon
after September 1st as possible. He will
let Captain Lamb know at what time
he can begin the work, so that in case
he cares to discuss the work with the
bureau in charge of the survey, or to see
the operation of the party in the field,
he will be given an opportunity to do so.
Hanover county has already been sur-
veyed, and after Chesterfield is surveyed
Captain Lamb has the promise of the
survey of two other smaller counties.

NEW KENT'S NEW SCHOOL

**The Finest Watermains Ever
Raised on the Peninsula.**
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROXBURY, VA., August 14.—The St.
Peter's District School Board met at
Locust Grove yesterday and decided to
build another school-house for that dis-
trict. The school-house, when finished,
will be the finest of the county. The
contract will be let out for the building
at Taylorsville August 22d at 3 o'clock.
The school will be located at Conches's
Store, the center of the district.
Two carloads of the finest melons that
ever left the Peninsula were bought here
today by Mr. C. C. Talley, of Fox
Batterfield, of Richmond. They were
raised by Mr. W. C. Talley, who has
sold his entire crop to Mr. Batterfield.
All will be shipped to West Virginia.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

**Leaves Pathetic Letter Saying He
Had Not Money nor Friends.**
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RONCEBURY, VA., August 14.—
William M. White, thirty years of age,
formerly of this place, recently of Thurs-
mond, was found yesterday evening by drink-
ing carbolic acid. His wife is in Wil-
liamsport, Pa., visiting. He had been on
a protracted spree, and in a pathetic let-
ter left for his wife gave as the cause
of his rash act want of money and friends.

White was highly connected in this county,
a son of the late Captain Moorman B.
White, of Staunton, Va., and a brother
of Mrs. A. B. White, of Millboro Springs.
His remains will reach here to-night.

FATAL INJURY.

**Mr. Dean Pace Struck by a
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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., August 14.—
Mr. Dean Pace, aged forty, a resident
of this city for the past six years, died
last night at his home in the District of
Columbia, of injuries received yesterday
morning while loading telephone poles on
a flat car for shipment. While at the
ground end of the log, it slipped and
struck him violently in the back. Serious
internal injuries were sustained. The
fatal effects of the accident were re-
sulted within twelve hours. He was a
native of Fluvanna county, and is sur-
vived by a wife and several children.

ACCOMAC SCHOOLS.

**Splendid Advance Is Reported.
Prizes for Jamestown Show.**
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ONANCOCK, VA., August 14.—The
County School Board, in annual session
at Accomac, Monday, August 13, con-
sidered the report of Superintendent G. G. Joyner
on his excellent administration. It was
shown that the county had led the State
in the construction of schools and in
the erection of new buildings. The new
building at Accomac Courthouse, in pro-
cess of erection, will cost almost \$20,000.
The completion of these two buildings,
with those already finished in years pre-
vious—namely, at Onancock, Marysville,
Chincoteague, Accomac, and other schools
in the county—will place the county in the
front rank in the State.

TRAIN HIT LINEMAN.

**Stepped from One Track on the
Other in Way of Train.**
(Special by Southern Bell Telephone.)
ROANOKE, VA., August 14.—While two
linemen of the Southern Bell Telephone
Company, Alton Lacy and Jesse Raikes,
were walking along New River, near Oak-
ville, yesterday afternoon, they were
struck by a train. Lacy was killed, and
Raikes was badly injured. The men stopped
one track to avoid a train, and were
struck by another train on the other
track.

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